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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 26, 1999
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. Robert Garton, Chairman; Rep. John Gregg, Vice-Chairman; Rep. Paul Mannweiler; Rep. Mark Kruzan; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Jeffrey Linder; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Earline Rogers.

Members Absent: Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. William Cochran; Rep. Richard Mangus; Sen. Harold Wheeler; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Patricia Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garton called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and determined that a quorum was present. The Chairman excused the absent members.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

The Chairman announced the membership of the four subcommittees of the Legislative Council as follows:

Data Processing: Senator Harrison, Chair; Senator Lewis; Carolyn Tinkle; Representative Kruzan; Representative Linder; Lee Smith; and Philip Sachtleben.

Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy: Senator Miller, Chair; Senator Lewis;

Representative C. Brown; Representative Linder.

Personnel: Senator Garton, Chair; Senator Young; Representative Gregg; Representative Mannweiler.

Space Utilization: Senator Wheeler, Chair; Senator Rogers; Representative Grubb; Representative Mangus.

PROPOSED INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE TOPICS

The Chairman noted that the four legislative leaders had discussed the large number of requests for interim committee study topics and had developed a proposal to group them into six ad hoc committees and to refer 40+ topics to existing statutory committees or commissions. The Chairman asked Mr. Sachtleben, Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency, to briefly describe each of the proposed committees and the topics to be assigned to them. As Mr. Sachtleben finished discussing each proposed committee, the Chairman announced whether the committee would be chaired by a Senator or a Representative.

During the discussion of the Health and Social Services Committee, Representative Brown agreed that he would prefer an added assignment concerning advanced practice nurses and physicians assistants. The Council unanimously agreed to add the topic.

Senator Rogers asked about the difference in jurisdiction of the proposed Committee on Criminal Justice Issues and the proposed Juvenile law and Restorative Justice Committee. Mr. Sachtleben noted that there could be a significant amount of overlap between these committees and that the subject had been “split” into two committees because of the magnitude of the juvenile law effort.

Representative Kruzan asked whether the chairmanship of the (two-year) Juvenile Law and Restorative Justice committee would switch during the 2000 interim. The Chairman noted that it would be appropriate to make a House member the Chair of the Committee during that interim.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Sachtleben then reviewed the 41 topics that were identified for referral to an existing statutory committee.

Representative Brown asked how the chairs of the statutory committees would be appointed. The Chairman and Representative Gregg described the process by which those two legislative leaders had alternated and reached agreement on such appointments in the past.

The Chair then opened up proposed Legislative Council Resolution 99-1 for amendment. Senator Lewis suggested, and the Legislative Council unanimously agreed, to add a study of the need for a forest inventory program in Indiana to the list of referrals to the Natural Resources Study Commission.

Senator Rogers then proposed an addition to the Economic Development

committee concerning the impact of changes to gaming laws in surrounding states upon the gaming industry in this state. Senator Rogers' motion was adopted 8-2 on a roll call vote.

The Legislative Council by a roll call vote of 10-0 then adopted LCR 99-1 as amended.

RULES GOVERNING STUDY COMMITTEES

The Chairman then asked Mr. Sachtleben to explain LCR 99-2, the proposed rules under which the interim committees would operate. Mr. Sachtleben noted the proposed rules were nearly identical to those used in previous years except for the removal of the authority of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to extend the deadline of a committee beyond October 31.

Representative Brown suggested that a mechanism be considered for shifting unspent funds from one study committee to a second committee if the second committee needed to have additional meetings. The Council discussed various aspects of this idea, but no motion was made to effectuate it.

In response to Senator Garton's question, Mr. Sachtleben noted that the final sentence in SECTION 1 of LCR 99-1 would permit the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to add non-voting lay members to interim committees.

Representative Brown then inquired about the policy that prevented members of a committee from flying from one corner of the state when a study committee hearing was being held at the other corner of the state. Mr. Sachtleben explained that this question was governed by the travel rules of the Legislative Council, and that under those rules the only reimbursable in-state air travel was to or from Indianapolis. Senator Wyss suggested leaving this issue to the discretion of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman.

The Legislative Council then adopted LCR 99-2 by consent.

The Chairman announced that the Personnel Subcommittee and Mr. Sachtleben had agreed to a one-year extension of his contract as the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency.

The Chairman tentatively set the next meeting of the Legislative Council for July 22, 1999 at 10:30 AM. The Chairman stated that a notice would be sent once it was determined that this date was available for most Council members.

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.